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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3731  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0276-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Marc O. SCHURR et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3731  
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Application No.: 09/957,451 ) Examiner: D. Erez  
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Filed: September 21, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 2507  
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR ) **Mail Stop AF**  
FOLDING AND SECURING )  
TISSUE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed on April 18, 2007, the period for response which extends through July 18, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.